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**COMMENTS:**

Examiners Rawlings & Caputa:

Please review the attached proposed base claim and give me a call. I tried to amend the claim and to capture the invention more clearly based on our discussion of August 8, 2003, i.e., a method to predict whether a given prostate cancer cell is likely to become metastatic by measuring MUC18 expression. Please note that only a certain fraction of prostate cancers metastasize rapidly and kill the patient within one year of the initial clinical presentation as described in the as-filed Specification on page 5, lines 16-25.

Thank you very much for your helpful suggestions. Respectfully, *Heeja Yoo-Warren*

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